(b) whether Government of India has taken this matter in the United Nations or any other agency for the safety of the students and people working abroad;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI) : (a) 238 incidents of attack/assault on Indian nationals in various countries have been reported in the last 3 years.

(b) to (d) Such incidents are taken up with the Governments of the country concerned through official channels.

Instructions to various Departments/Organisations

3571. SHRI SABIR ALI :

SHRI MOHAMMED ADEEB :

Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the instructions given by his Ministry to various Departments and Organisations for dealing with the Members of Parliament and their communications;

(b) whether it is a fact that those instructions being observed more in violation than in compliance by most of the Departments and Organisations; and

(c) the further steps Government propose to take to ensure proper observance of the instructions relating to Members of Parliament?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI V. NARAYANSAMI) : (a) Apart from the provisions in the Conduct Rules, and the Manual of Office Procedure, Government has issued detailed instructions on the conduct of Government servants in official dealings and correspondence with Members of Parliament. The instructions have been reiterated from time to time.

(b) No, Sir. On a few occasions when complaints were received, they were taken up with the authorities concerned and pursued.

(c) The need for observance of the instructions is reiterated from time to time as and when felt necessary.

SC/ST/Muslims in Selection Committees/Boards

3572. SHRI MOHAMMED ADEEB :

SHRI SABIR ALI :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any instructions of Government to various Departments and Organisations to include representatives of SC/ST and Muslims in the Selection Committees and Selection Boards;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of those Departments and Organisations which are not implementing it; and

(d) the steps that are being taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN) : (a) and (b) Instructions are there that wherever a Selection Committee/Board exists or has to be constituted for making recruitment to 10 or more vacancies in Group C and D posts/services, the Committee/Board should have one member belonging to Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe/Other Backward Class and one member belonging to minority community. In case of less than 10 vacancies, all efforts are made for inclusion of such members in the Committees/Boards.

(c) Information is not centrally maintained.

(d) All Ministries/Departments etc. are required to follow the instructions. An officer who disobeys such instructions may be penalized under the disciplinary rules.

Allowance to Pensioners not covered by Health Scheme

3573. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Government pensioners not covered by CGHS or any other health care facilities were in receipt of an allowance of Rs. 100 per month with pension before 1st January, 2006;

(b) whether similar allowance has been allowed *w.e.f.* 1st January, 2006 along with the pensions revised from that date;

(c) if so, the rate thereof and when the orders were issued; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Fixed Medical Allowance @Rs. 100 per month was sanctioned *w.e.f.* 01.12.97 and is continuing in respect of Central Government pensioners/family pensioners who at the time of retirement/death were governed by Central Civil Service (Pension) Rules, 1972 and were eligible for medical facilities after retirement.

(d) Does not arise.

Disproportionate assets cases probed by CBI

†3574. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of cases pertaining to offence of disproportionate assets being probed by the CBI;

(b) the percentage of challan produced in courts during last ten years, and punishment given;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.